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Reply to Office action of August 23, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Rejection of claims 3 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph:

Claims 3 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph because of phrases common to both claims.

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Response:

Claims 3 and 11 have been cancelled, and are no longer in need of consideration.

2. Rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 9, 10, 12, and 15 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b):

10 Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 9, 10, 12, and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Le et al. (US Patent 6,293,636, hereinafter referred to as Le).

Response:

15 The applicant has amended claims 1 and 9 to overcome this rejection. Claims 1 and 9 now recite that "the sliding portion is capable of linearly sliding on the fastening base between a first fixed position and a second fixed position with respect to the fastening base for correspondingly moving the first hook along a linear path". This amendment is supported in Figures 4-8 and the corresponding disclosure of the instant application. Therefore, the first hook moves along a linear path when the sliding portion linearly 20 slides across the fastening base.

202 On the other hand, Le teaches in Figures 10 and 11 that the sliding portion 202 moves in a rotating manner with respect to the fastening base 194. Furthermore, the first hook 208 does not move along a linear path, but also rotates with respect to the fastening 25 base 194. Therefore, Le does not teach the limitation of "the sliding portion is capable of linearly sliding on the fastening base between a first fixed position and a second fixed position with respect to the fastening base for correspondingly moving the first hook

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along a linear path", as is contained in the currently amended claims 1 and 9. Therefore, Le does not fully anticipate all of the limitations of the currently amended claims 1 and 9.

In addition, claims 4, 7, 12, and 15 have been amended to agree with the changes
5 made to claims 1 and 9. Claims 2, 4, 7, 10, 12, and 15 are dependent on claims 1 and 9, and should be allowable if claims 1 and 9 are allowable. Reconsideration of claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 9, 10, 12, and 15 is respectfully requested.

3. Rejection of claims 3, 5, 6, 8, 11, 13, 14, and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a):

10 Claims 3, 5, 6, 8, 11, 13, 14, and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) for reasons of record.

Response:

Claims 5, 6, 8, 13, 14, and 16 are dependent on claims 1 and 9, and should be
15 allowed if claims 1 and 9 are allowed. Reconsideration of claims 5, 6, 8, 13, 14, and 16 is respectfully requested.

4. Introduction to new claims 17 and 18:

New claims 17 and 18 are respectively dependent on claims 1 and 9. Each of these
20 new claims contains the limitations of the fastening base further comprising an opening, the first hook of the sliding portion passing through the opening for connecting with the second hook of the frame. This limitation is fully supported in Figures 4, 6, and 8 and the corresponding disclosure of the instant application.

25 On the other hand, Le does not teach that the fastening base comprises an opening through which the first hook of the sliding portion passes through for connecting with the second hook of the frame. Therefore, new claims 17 and 18 are patentable over the cited prior art. Acceptance of new claims 17 and 18 is respectfully requested.

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In view of the above statements in favor of patentability, the applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

5 Sincerely yours,



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